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Dear Sir:

1. Name of Assignees: SONY Corporation and  
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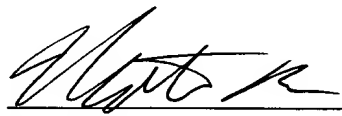
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Respectfully submitted,  
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# Assignment To SONY Corporation and SONY Electronics

Whereas, I/we, Yoshitomo Oswawa  
executed employment agreements with SONY Corporation and SONY Electronics, hereinafter called the Assignees, (SONY Corporation having its principal place of business at Tokyo, Japan, and SONY Electronics, Inc., a Corporation of Delaware) whereby I/we have agreed to assign to the Assignees all inventions (except as otherwise limited by law) which relate to the business of the Assignees and which were first conceived or actually reduced to practice during my/our employment by the Assignees;

Now, therefor, pursuant to the terms of said employment agreements and for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I/we do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the Assignees, their successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest, including the right of priority in, to and under an application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled:

A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSFERRING INFORMATION USING AN ENCRYPTION MODE INDICATOR

..... filed herewith and the inventions set forth and described therein, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and of countries foreign thereto which may be granted thereon or therefor; or

X Serial No.: 08/957,051 filed on 10/24/97 and the inventions set forth and described therein, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and of countries foreign thereto which may be granted thereon or therefor;

And for the above consideration, I/we agree promptly upon request of the Assignees, their successors or assigns, to execute and deliver without further compensation any power of attorney, assignment, application, whether original, continuation, divisional or reissue, or other papers which may be necessary or desirable fully to secure to the Assignees, their successors and assigns, the inventions described in said application and all patent rights therein, in the United States and in any country foreign thereto, and to cooperate and assist in the prosecution of interference proceedings involving said inventions and in the adjudication or reexamination of said Letters Patent provided the expenses which may be incurred by me/us in lending such cooperation and assistance are paid by the Assignees.

In witness whereof, I/we hereunto set my/our hand(s) and seal:

Inventor's Signature: .....	Date: .....
Inventor's Signature: <u>Yoshitomo Oswawa</u>	Date: <u>23/Mar/1998</u>
Inventor's Signature: .....	Date: .....
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**Assignment To SONY Corporation and SONY Electronics**

Whereas, I/we, Hisato Shima  
 executed employment agreements with SONY Corporation and SONY Electronics, hereinafter called the Assignees, (SONY Corporation having its principal place of business at Tokyo, Japan, and SONY Electronics, Inc., a Corporation of Delaware) whereby I/we have agreed to assign to the Assignees all inventions (except as otherwise limited by law) which relate to the business of the Assignees and which were first conceived or actually reduced to practice during my/our employment by the Assignees;

Now, therefor, pursuant to the terms of said employment agreements and for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I/we do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the Assignees, their successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest, including the right of priority in, to and under an application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled:

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And for the above consideration, I/we agree promptly upon request of the Assignees, their successors or assigns, to execute and deliver without further compensation any power of attorney, assignment, application, whether original, continuation, divisional or reissue, or other papers which may be necessary or desirable fully to secure to the Assignees, their successors and assigns, the inventions described in said application and all patent rights therein, in the United States and in any country foreign thereto, and to cooperate and assist in the prosecution of interference proceedings involving said inventions and in the adjudication or reexamination of said Letters Patent provided the expenses which may be incurred by me/us in lending such cooperation and assistance are paid by the Assignees.

In witness whereof, I/we hereunto set my/our hand(s) and seal:

Inventor's Signature: .....	Date: .....
Inventor's Signature: .....	Date: .....
Inventor's Signature: <u>Hisato Shima</u>	Date: <u>March 25, 1998</u>
Inventor's Signature: .....	Date: .....
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# Assignment To SONY Corporation and SONY Electronics

Whereas, I/we, Tomoyuki Asano  
executed employment agreements with SONY Corporation and SONY Electronics, hereinafter called the Assignees, (SONY Corporation having its principal place of business at Tokyo, Japan, and SONY Electronics, Inc., a Corporation of Delaware) whereby I/we have agreed to assign to the Assignees all inventions (except as otherwise limited by law) which relate to the business of the Assignees and which were first conceived or actually reduced to practice during my/our employment by the Assignees;

Now, therefor, pursuant to the terms of said employment agreements and for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I/we do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the Assignees, their successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest, including the right of priority in, to and under an application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled:

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And for the above consideration, I/we agree promptly upon request of the Assignees, their successors or assigns, to execute and deliver without further compensation any power of attorney, assignment, application, whether original, continuation, divisional or reissue, or other papers which may be necessary or desirable fully to secure to the Assignees, their successors and assigns, the inventions described in said application and all patent rights therein, in the United States and in any country foreign thereto, and to cooperate and assist in the prosecution of interference proceedings involving said inventions and in the adjudication or reexamination of said Letters Patent provided the expenses which may be incurred by me/us in lending such cooperation and assistance are paid by the Assignees.

In witness whereof, I/we hereunto set my/our hand(s) and seal:

Inventor's Signature: .....	Date: .....
Inventor's Signature: .....	Date: .....
Inventor's Signature: .....	Date: .....
Inventor's Signature: <u>Tomoyuki Asano</u>	Date: <u>Mar. 23, 1998</u>
Inventor's Signature: .....	Date: .....
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# Assignment To SONY Corporation and SONY Electronics

Whereas, I/we, Teruyoshi Komuro  
executed employment agreements with SONY Corporation and SONY Electronics, hereinafter called the Assignees, (SONY Corporation having its principal place of business at Tokyo, Japan, and SONY Electronics, Inc., a Corporation of Delaware) whereby I/we have agreed to assign to the Assignees all inventions (except as otherwise limited by law) which relate to the business of the Assignees and which were first conceived or actually reduced to practice during my/our employment by the Assignees;

Now, therefor, pursuant to the terms of said employment agreements and for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I/we do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the Assignees, their successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest, including the right of priority in, to and under an application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled:

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In witness whereof, I/we hereunto set my/our hand(s) and seal:

Inventor's Signature: <u>x Teruyoshi Komuro</u>	Date: <u>10/26/98</u>
Inventor's Signature: _____	Date: _____
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Applicant: **Komuro et al.** Filed: **10/24/97**  
Docket No.: **SONY-50L2204** Serial No.: **08/957,051**  
Title: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSFERRING INFORMATION**  
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Please acknowledge receipt of the following:

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